

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

**January 05, 2021
Mayor and all Aldermen**

**7:00 p.m.
Online Virtual Meeting**

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

Mayor Craig stated due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Cavanaugh, Stewart, Long, Roy, O'Neil, Levasseur,
Terrio, Porter, Shaw, Gamache

Absent: Aldermen Sapienza, Barry and Hirschmann

Mayor Craig advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak, all comments shall be limited to three minutes and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Note: Pursuant to Rule 2A of the Rules of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, residents of Manchester are allotted a period of thirty (30) minutes to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community only during the Special Meeting of the Board of Mayor & Aldermen - Public Participation. You will be able to offer public comment during this period by emailing cityclerk@manchesternh.gov or using the designated phone number and unique access code: +1 (408) 650-3123 followed by the access code: 225-659-805 when prompted.

Participants are automatically ordered by the meeting software upon entry to the meeting. All speakers will be muted upon entry and unmuted when their number is

*called. Participants are required to identify themselves and provide their home address. Each speaker will be limited to a strict three minutes to afford an opportunity for the maximum number of people to speak. **If you do not intend to be a speaking participant of the meeting, you are encouraged to both view and listen to the meeting on Manchester Public TV on Public TV Channel 22 or visit MPTV's website at www.manchestertv.org** so as not to unnecessarily delay the meeting for participants who wish to speak. You are also encouraged to submit any email comments prior to the commencement of the meeting to ensure that your comments are received by your elected officials as they will be accepted as part of the meeting until the close of the public comment period during any Special Meeting of the Board of Mayor & Aldermen - Public Participation. Email will be monitored by staff up until the conclusion of this special public meeting.*

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated we have no one on the line wishing to speak but I do have a communication from a member of the public to read into the record. It is from Joan Porter and she writes:

I live at 237 Woodcrest Court in Manchester, NH 03109. I am writing tonight to express my frustration at the treatment of Ward 6, once again.

I believe we are the only ward forced to vote for several elections outside of our ward because it was not made a priority to find a suitable replacement once the prior location was no longer possible. The city had been given ample warning that they needed to find a replacement but waited until the owners of the property finally said "no more." That has finally been resolved.

Now the ward must have a special election due to the relocation of our alderwoman outside of the ward. On September 29, Alderman Moreau notified the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that she would be resigning effective October 16. While I am totally cognizant of the impending Presidential election on November 3 and the obvious increase in voter participation by mail, in the office and at the polls, I do not believe it would have been asking too much to set the filing period earlier, allowing for a primary and subsequent election earlier in 2021. We are certainly not talking about a lot of voters for a special election. Truthfully, it does not even require using a location as large as the school. The City Retirement Board voted at the JFK Coliseum – and it not like we have never voted outside of our ward before.

Ward 6 has had no representation since October 16 and will not have any until March 2, just short of five months. This is shameful. This is close to 25% of the term being vacant.

Thank you.
s/Joan Porter

*There being no one else wishing to speak, **Alderman Roy** moved to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation. **Alderman Barry** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.*

*There being no further business, **Alderman Barry** moved to adjourn. **Alderman O'Neil** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

City Clerk